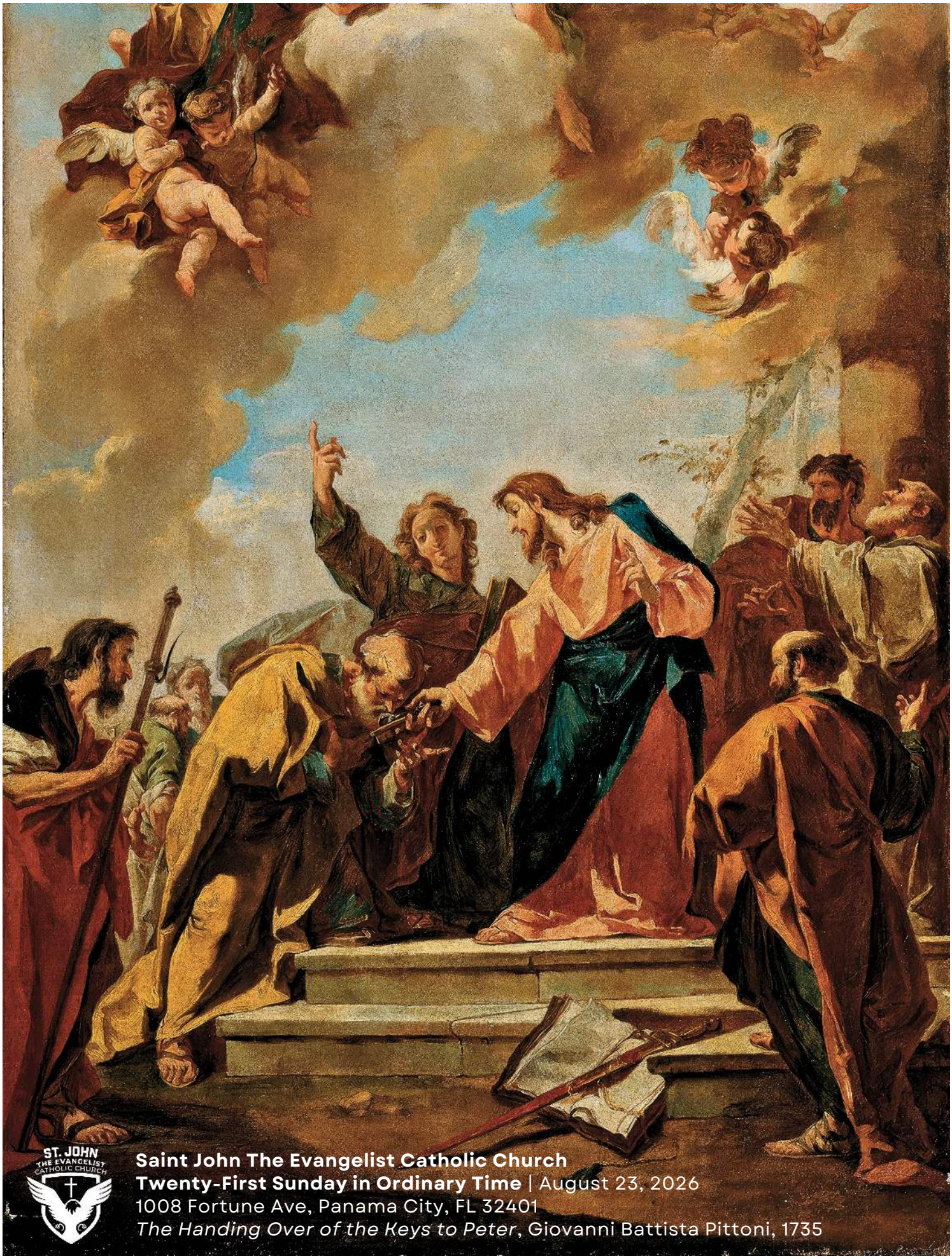

Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 23, 2026
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The Handing Over of the Keys to Peter, Giovanni Battista Pittoni, 1735

WHO WE ARE

Rev. Jacob Jaks, Pastor

Dcn. Timothy Warner

Dcn. Earl Mirus

Sr. Grace Ford, Er. Dio - Principal

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:15am & 10:45am

Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:15am
Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm
First Saturdays | 9:00 Latin *Novus Ordo*

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:00pm
Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm
Second Sundays | After Sunday Masses
To confidentially schedule a confession, email Fr. Jacob at confession@saintjohnpc.org

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576
Receive text message or email announcements

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Kelly Bernhardt	Kathy Kidd	Brett McCarty
Jim Blanchet	Jerry Kelly	Anita Thomas

Register as a Member

Contact the Parish Office
To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

Parish Office

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis
jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org
Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Nick Labrie | Youth Formation
nick.labrie@saintjohnpc.org
Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Jacob Jaks | Pastor
catholicism@saintjohnpc.org
Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion

Visiting the Sick/Homebound - please call the parish office to set up a visit with a priest or lay person to bring communion or check on a homebound person

Anointing of the Sick - call the parish office at any time

Holy Matrimony - contact the parish office six months prior to your anticipated wedding date

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REFLECTING ON OUR READINGS

With Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's liturgy addresses to us Christians but also at the same time to every man and every woman the double question that one day Jesus put to his disciples. He first asked them: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?". They answered him saying that some of the people said John the Baptist restored to life, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The Lord then directly questioned the Twelve: "But who do you say that I am?". Peter spoke enthusiastically and authoritatively on behalf of them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". This solemn profession of faith the Church continues to repeat since then.

Today too, we long to proclaim with an innermost conviction: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!". Let us do so in the awareness that Christ is the true "treasure" for whom it is worth sacrificing everything; he is the friend who never abandons us for he knows the most intimate expectations of our hearts. Jesus is the "Son of the living God", the promised Messiah who came down to earth to offer humanity salvation and to satisfy the thirst for life and love that dwells in every human being. What an advantage humanity would have in welcoming this proclamation which brings with it joy and peace!

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus answers Peter's inspired profession of faith: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". This is the first time that Jesus speaks of the Church, whose mission is the actuation of God's great design to gather the whole of humanity into a single family in Christ. Peter's mission, and that of his Successors, is precisely to serve this unity of the one Church of God formed of Jews and pagans of all peoples; his indispensable ministry is to ensure that she is never identified with a single nation, with a single culture, but is the Church of all peoples - to make present among men and women, scarred by innumerable divisions and conflicts, God's peace and the renewing power of his love. This, then, is the special mission of the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Successor of Peter: to serve the inner unity that comes from God's peace, the unity of those who have become brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

In the face of the enormous responsibility of this task, I am increasingly aware of the commitment and importance of the service to the Church and the world that the Lord has entrusted to me. I therefore ask you, dear brothers and sisters, to support me with your prayers so that, faithful to Christ, we may proclaim and bear witness together to his presence in our time. May Mary, whom we invoke with trust as Mother of the Church and Star of Evangelization, obtain this grace for us.

Pope Benedict XVI
Angelus Reflection
Papal Summer Residence, Castel Gandolfo
Sunday, 24 August 2008

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FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Learn More About Our 2026-2027 Offerings

Calling all parents! We have a lot of exciting new offerings starting as early as this week for families, children, and teens. Find information below and online at saintjohnpc.org.

First Communion Prep | Begins This Week!

First Communion preparation for **children ages 5–17** begins **August 26**. Children typically receive their First Communion beginning at age seven. Current six-year-olds will receive First Communion in summer 2027, while current five-year-olds will begin a two-year formation process. **All sacramental preparation is incorporated into our Pathways Family Faith Formation program** (see below).

Confirmation Prep | Begins This Week!

Confirmation preparation for **children ages 5–17** begins **August 26**. With our diocese's move to Restored Order, children typically receive their Confirmation beginning at age seven. Current six-year-olds will receive Confirmation in summer 2027, while current five-year-olds will begin a two-year formation process. **All sacramental preparation is incorporated into our Pathways Family Faith Formation program** (see below).

PATHWAYS
formation suite

Pathways Family Faith Formation | Wednesday!

Pathways is St. John's family faith formation program for families with children ages 5–17. Families gather at the parish on **select Wednesdays, beginning August 26th,** for dinner, teaching, prayer, and age-based formation, then continue the journey at home through simple, guided at-home sessions. Pathways is the primary way families grow in faith together at St. John and includes preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Learn more or register online now at **saintjohnpc.org/pathways**.

Catholic Student Ministry | Grades 6-12

Catholic Student Ministry (CSM) is St. John's youth ministry for students in grades 6–12. Middle school students gather for **Middle School Youth Nights**, while high school students meet for the **Dead Theologians Society**. Both groups meet bi-weekly on Sundays from 5–7pm beginning in September. Each gathering includes food, prayer, and intentional formation to help young people grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Learn more or register online at **saintjohnpc.org/ministries**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Coming Soon!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to Catholic faith formation. St. John will soon be offering a Level 1 Atrium for children ages 3 through 6 - a specially prepared space where children encounter Scripture, the liturgy, and the person of Jesus through prayer, hands-on materials, and quiet reflection. Please pray for our catechist team who are currently in formation and preparing the Atrium. More information and registration details coming soon.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm | Parish Hall

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes are held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the parish hall. Join us this Tuesday, August 25th. Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

Events this Week

Sunday, August 23

Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall after **both** Sunday morning Masses

Tuesday, August 25

6:15pm - OCIA meeting in the parish hall

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

Wednesday, August 26

5:30pm - Pathways Family Formation in the parish hall

Sunday, August 30

Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall after **both** Sunday morning Masses

Women's Social

September 5 | 10am - 12pm

All ladies of the parish are invited to the first Women's Social kicking off the fall 2026 semester. The topic will be on how to take small steps towards replacing and reducing plastics in your life. Join us on Saturday, September 5th, from 10am-12pm in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you, and please feel free to bring a friend.

Confirmation 2026

Sunday October 4th, 10:45am

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates.

Catholic in Recovery

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm | Parish Office

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry of St. John the Evangelist supporting those seeking recovery within a confidential, faith-based framework. Contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Fall 2026 Kick-Off | August 31st

The St. John CCW's annual ice cream social will be held Monday, August 31, at 6pm in the parish hall. This marks the beginning of our next season of activities and service.

We welcome new members, and if you are new to CCW or interested in learning more, please join us for the ice cream social. CCW supports the parish and community in many ways, and all ladies of the parish are invited to become part of our mission.

Some of our upcoming events will include Bunco, participation in the National Life Chain, Box of Joy Christmas drive, hosting coffee & donuts monthly after the Sunday Masses, our annual holiday candy fundraiser, and more.

We strive to serve the Lord and our neighbors joyfully, using the gifts He has given us. For more information, please call Cheryl at (706) 341-2579.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Starting September 2nd

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study, starting on September 2. We will be studying *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* by Edward Sri. We meet in the parish office on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

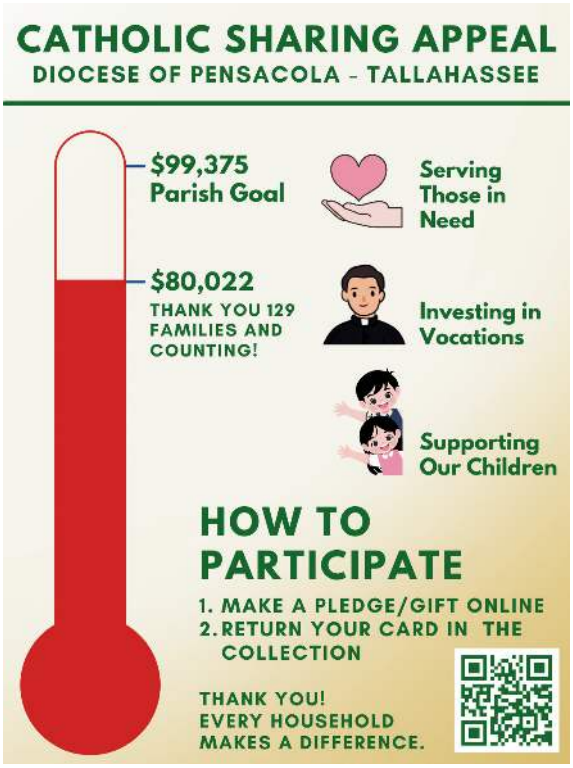
Now on Summer Break

Thank you to all who participated this semester. We look forward to continuing Bible Study following our summer break. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information.

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Join men from St. John at Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson for spiritual growth and fellowship. We use Exodus 90, a spiritual program with a phone app that provides a daily Bible reading, reflection, and practical guidelines for living as a Christian man. Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.



Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Repose of the Soul

†Teena Lang, †Jerry Radtke, †Terral Matherne

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, Sally Harlowe, Marie Good, Dan Mixdorf, Dean Tucker, Don C., Lorraine Daigle

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass for a loved one, please call or visit the parish office

Saturday, August 22, 2026
4:30pm...Bishop Wack
On the Anniversary of His Ordination
Sunday, August 23, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..†Lorraine Knight by Patricia Philo
Monday, August 24, 2026
8:15am....Seminarians by CCW
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
5:30pm....†John Alexander Cartier
by Jan & Olga Cartier
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
8:15am....†Dr. John Maceluch
by John Maceluch, Jr.
Thursday, August 27, 2026
5:30pm....†Joe Mincey
Friday, August 28, 2026
8:15am...Arthur Stewart, Jr.
Saturday, August 29, 2026
4:30pm...People of the Parish
Sunday, August 30, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....†James Fischer by Cindy & Steve Vitter
10:45am..†John Alexander Cartier
by Jan & Olga Cartier

Scripture Readings, Week of August 23, 2026

Sun **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Mon **Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**
Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tue 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

W 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Th **Memorial of Saint Monica**
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Fri **Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Sat **Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist**
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sun **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

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Chris DiNote.....(850) 786-2965
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Diane.....850-541-3326
Wayne.....850-532-0421
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Council of Catholic Women
Cheryl Wilson.....706-341-2579

Fishers of Men (St. Dominic)
Stephen Butler.....850-832-6434
*Twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:30am** at St. Dominic's MC3 building.*

Knights of Columbus
Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library
Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Club
Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Men's Bible Study
Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801

Ministry to the Sick
Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Morning Rosary
Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 7:30-8am (before Mass)

Rachel's Vineyard
904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org
Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion

The Third Option
A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. For more details, please visit baythirdoption.com.

Women's Morning Bible Study
Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
*Meets in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am. **We look forward to starting Bible Study again on September 2nd.***

Women's Socials
heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
*Typically on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon in the parish hall. **Please join us for our next Social on September 5th at 10am.***

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